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PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF

CIA/RR-HTA

INSTALLATION: Aircraft Production Facilities
LOCATION: Riga, Latvia, USSR.
B.E. NUMBER: None
WAC NO: 153

BRIEF NO.: B-46-56
DATE: 10 October 1956
LAT.: 56° 57' N
LONG.: 24° 06' E

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Other: None

ENCLOSURES: None

ORR REQUIREMENT NO. RR/HTA/E/R46/56: Locate possible aircraft production facilities in the city of Riga, Latvia, as reported in low level intelligence reports.

REMARKS:

There is no photographic evidence of any aircraft production in Riga, Latvia.

The following facilities related to aircraft were noted:

1. A new aircraft engine plant, built since 1944, is located just SW of Riga/Spilve Airfield. This plant consists of four L-shaped engine test cells, three probable shop buildings, (225'x 70', 170'x 50', and 105'x 70') and several smaller buildings.

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2. An unusual aircraft installation is located in the SE sector of the city of Riga, E of the Dvina river. 11-13 aircraft (7-9 jet fighters, one Bull-type, and 3 probable Beagles) are parked in an open rectangular area approximately 850'x 1300'. Also in this area are 3 probable dummy aircraft. This area is enclosed on three sides by roads, fences and small buildings and on the fourth side by what appears to be a jet blast wall. The aircraft are parked on prepared hardstands and jet blast marks are quite evident. The function of these aircraft is unknown. It appears impossible to fly aircraft in or out of this restricted area. The nearest airfield, Riga/Skirotava, is located 4 miles away.

Adjoining this unusual area and possibly related to the activity here is a large, rail-served warehouse area, reportedly a MVD strategic storage warehouse area.

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